

Reference Table of Award Mechanisms and Submission Requirements

Award Mechanism	Experience of Principal Investigator	Key Mechanism Elements	Dollars Available
New Investigator Awards	Independent investigators below the level of Associate Professor with access to appropriate research facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund investigators in the early stages of their careers • Preliminary data not required 	An average of \$150,000 per year in direct costs for a maximum of \$450,000 for up to 3 years, plus indirect costs as appropriate
Idea Awards	Independent investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund innovative ideas and technology related to NF • Preliminary data not required 	An average of \$150,000 per year in direct costs for a maximum of \$450,000 over 3 years, plus indirect costs as appropriate
Investigator-Initiated Research Awards (with optional Nested Postdoctoral Traineeship[s])	<p>Independent investigators at a level equivalent to or above that of Assistant Professor</p> <p>Nested Postdoctoral Trainee: Recent doctoral graduates with 3 years or less of postdoctoral experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sponsor basic and clinically oriented NF research • Preliminary data required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No total dollar amount restrictions • Funding can be requested for up to 4 years • With Nested Postdoctoral Traineeship: a maximum of \$60,000 per year inclusive of direct and indirect costs for a maximum of \$240,000 per trainee up to 4 years • No limit to the number of postdoctoral trainees nested under a given proposal
Therapeutic Development Awards	Independent investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To fund the development of therapeutics and tools for their evaluation in preclinical model systems of NF • To fund goal-focused, synergistic, multi-institutional consortia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No total dollar amount restrictions • Funding can be requested for up to 3 years

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Clinical Trial Development Awards	Independent investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To fund the development of a plan for communication, real-time data transfer, the handling and distribution of specimens and imaging products, and a plan for statistical analysis between the participating institutions. • Requires the submission of a Clinical Trial Award application at the end of the award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$150,000 including both direct and indirect costs • Funding can be requested for 1 year
Clinical Trial Awards	Independent investigators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To fund Phase 1 or 2 clinical trials • Preclinical data required for all clinical trial proposals • Phase 1 or Pilot clinical trial data required for Phase 2 clinical trial proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No total dollar amount restrictions • Funding can be requested for up to 3 years for Phase 1 clinical trials and for up to 4 years for Phase 2 clinical trials